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APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM FROM REGISTRY

A. Appointment of Guardians ad Litem - Title 26.

1. Joint Recommendation. The parties or their attorneys may agree to jointly recommend a GAL from the registry. The court may adopt the joint recommendation or require the parties to use the rotational procedure. An exception to rotational appointment may be considered if the parties stipulate to a GAL with case specific knowledge.

2. Absent Joint Recommendation. A Guardian ad Litem not appointed by joint recommendation shall be appointed by the Court on a rotational basis from the approved Guardian ad Litem list established and maintained by The Department of Court Services. If the parties are not in agreement to this GAL from the registry, then the Department shall provide the names of the next three GALs from the list. After reviewing the three names on the list and if the parties agree upon a GAL from that list, they may present an Order of Appointment to the court. If after reviewing the three names on the list, the parties cannot agree, each party may strike one name from the list of three. The court will appoint the remaining name on the strike list as GAL.

B. Indigent Parties.

If either of the parties is found to be indigent, then the court may appoint a GAL from the list at the expense of the County.

C. Appointment of Guardians ad Litem - Title 11.

Appointment of GALs in Title 11 cases shall be done in a strict rotational basis. The party seeking appointment of a GAL shall contact the Department of Court Services for the next name on the register. The party shall be responsible for contacting that GAL to determine if the GAL is able to take the case. If the GAL is unavailable, the party shall contact the Department of Court Services for the name of the next GAL on the register.

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